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Just FYI, the higher iron level reported below is off by one digit. The max. total iron detected that I have found so far in this data was 16,000 ug/L (16 ppm) at the [redacted] residence, not 1,600 ppb.

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Hello Mike, Karen, and Dave

I wanted to touch base with you all to learn what EPA R3's plans are for follow up with the Dimock residents - do you all plan some sort of response back before the looming cessation of water deadline next Wed 11/30?

On ATSDR R3's part, Bob is still reviewing the voluminous data packages for the private well testing in the site area. Our goal was to at least have some verbal feedback for you all by 11/30, but review of this information is taking longer than we hoped. ATSDR has not yet made a decision about whether we should pursue a written evaluation of this information; obviously that would take a great deal longer anyway. To date, what has screened up for us in our preliminary review of the Dimock private well data so far are the methane, manganese, and iron levels.

The health risk from methane in drinking water is posed by its explosive and asphyxiant hazards, and we know you are familiar with this concern for the Dimock residents already. We are focusing our review on whether there are any non-methane chemical exposures of concern for these residents in this data set.

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Would you like to meet to discuss next steps in the response to this community?

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